## BEFORE THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD

In the Matter of		)	
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Dolores Greene,		)	
LSCSW #842,		)	Case No. 12-CS-0096
	Respondent	)	,

NOW, on this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2014, the above-captioned matter comes before the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board (Board), by and through Assistant Attorney General Whitney L. Casement, by agreement of Dolores Greene (Licensee) and the Board for the purpose of resolving the above-captioned case.

Licensee hereby acknowledges the following:

- Dolores Greene is a Licensed Specialist Clinical Social Worker, License #842, 1. which was issued by the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board.
- 2. At all times relevant to the complaint herein, Licensee was practicing as a Licensed Specialist Clinical Social Worker (LSCSW) within the meaning of the Kansas Social Workers Licensure Act, K.S.A. 65-6301, et seq., and amendments thereto.
- 3. On or about April 19, 2012, the Board received a self-report of information concerning Licensee's conduct, alleging Licensee may have violated certain statutes and regulations governing her license as a Licensed Specialist Clinical Social Worker.
- 4. The Board conducted an investigation concerning Licensee's alleged violation of statutes and regulations.

- 5. As a result of the investigation, the Board finds that the following facts have been established by a preponderance of clear and convincing evidence:
  - a. In March or April of 2012, the Licensee disclosed to a third party that the third party's ex-husband was a client currently in therapy with Licensee. Licensee further disclosed to the third party a conversation that took place during the client's therapy sessions with Licensee.
  - b. Licensee did not have the client's authorization to make this confidential disclosure.
- 6. The Complaint Review Committee of the Board finds that Licensee has violated the following statute and regulations:
  - A. K.S.A. 65-6311. Grounds for suspension, limitation, revocation or refusal to issue or renew license; procedure.
  - (a) The board may suspend, limit, revoke, condition or refuse to issue or renew a license of any social worker upon proof that the social worker:
    - (4) has been found guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined by rules established by the board.

## B. K.A.R. 102-2-7. Unprofessional conduct.

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Any of the following acts by a licensee or applicant for a social work license shall constitute unprofessional conduct:

- (s) revealing information, a confidence, or secret of any client, or failing to protect the confidences, secrets, or information contained in a client's records;
- (t) failing to obtain written, informed consent from each client, or the client's legal representative or representatives, before performing any of these actions;
  - (3) releasing information concerning a client to a third party, except as required or permitted by law.

However, Licensee and the Board mutually desire to enter a Consent Agreement and

Order in lieu of adjudicative proceedings to resolve the reported violations.

WHEREFORE, Licensee waives all rights to an adjudication of facts and law which could be determined pursuant to a hearing conducted in accordance with the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act in relation to Case No. 12-CS-0096.

WHEREFORE, Licensee waives the right to file a motion for reconsideration and all rights of appeal pursuant to the Kansas Judicial Review Act in relation to Case No. 12-CS-0096.

WHEREFORE, Licensee consents to the following terms and conditions:

- (a) Licensee shall complete three extra hours of continuing education in ethics. The three additional hours of continuing education shall be conducted by Licensee in person within 90 days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement and Order. This condition shall be deemed satisfied upon the Board's receipt of Licensee's written proof of completion of the three extra hours of continuing education in ethics by or before 90 days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement and Order. Failure to provide the Board with written proof of completion of the extra continuing education hours by or before 90 days of the effective date is a violation of this Consent Agreement and Order and may result in further action by the Board.
- (b) Licensee shall research, write, and submit to the Board a 10-page professional paper on confidentiality. The paper shall be double-spaced with one-inch margins and in American Psychological Association (APA) format. The paper shall be submitted to the Board by or before 90 days from the effective date of this Consent Agreement and Order. Failure to submit the professional paper to the Board by or before 90 days of the effective date is a violation of this Consent Agreement and Order and may result in further action by the Board. This condition shall be deemed satisfied upon the reviewing Board member's approval of the professional paper.

- (c) Licensee shall be responsible for any costs and expenses incurred in satisfying the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order.
- (d) Licensee understands that a notification of this Consent Agreement and Order shall be provided to any other state licensing board if Licensee is also licensed, registered or certified in another state.
- (e) Licensee acknowledges an affirmative duty to notify the Board within five (5) days of any changes in personal or professional status which would inhibit compliance with any condition of this Consent Agreement and Order. In such event, a designee of the Board is authorized to modify or amend this Consent Agreement and Order in writing.
- (f) This Consent Agreement and Order constitutes the entire agreement between the Licensee and the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board and may be modified or amended only by written agreement signed by Licensee and the Board or a designee of the Board.

WHEREFORE, Licensee consents to the submission of this Consent Agreement and Order to the Board's Complaint Review Committee and understands that, upon approval by the Complaint Review Committee, this Consent Agreement and Order will become a Final Order of the Board. The Board has authorized the Complaint Review Committee to determine approval of this Consent Agreement and Order.

WHEREFORE, the Board agrees that, so long as Licensee complies with the above conditions, the Board will not initiate further disciplinary action against Licensee in relation to violations of K.S.A. 65-6311 and K.A.R. 102-2-7 as a result of this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, the foregoing provisions are consented to, are hereby made the Final Order of the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board, and become effective on the date indicated in the Certificate of Service below.

## IT IS SO ORDERED.

Terry Pfannenstiel Chair, Complaint Review Committee

APPROVED AND CONSENTED TO:

Dolores Greene

Licensee

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that on this day of May, 2014, a true and correct copy of the above Consent Agreement and Order was deposited in the U.S. mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed to:

**Dolores Greene** 

and a copy delivered via interoffice mail to:

Whitney L. Casement Assistant Attorney General 120 SW 10th Ave., 2nd Floor Topeka, KS 66612 Disciplinary Counsel for the Board

For the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board